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S. RES. 176

Expressing the appreciation of the Senate for the service of United States Army personnel who lost their lives in service of their country in an antidrug mission in Colombia and expressing sympathy to the families and loved ones of such personnel.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 5, 1999

Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. DeWINE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. FRIST, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BENNETT, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing the appreciation of the Senate for the service of United States Army personnel who lost their lives in service of their country in an antidrug mission in Colombia and expressing sympathy to the families and loved ones of such personnel.

Whereas Colombia is the largest source of cocaine and heroin entering the United States and efforts to assist that country combat the production and trafficking of illicit narcotics is in the national security interests of the United States;

Whereas operations by the United States Armed Forces to assist in the detection and monitoring of illicit production

and trafficking of illicit narcotics are important to the security and well-being of all of the people of the United States;

Whereas on July 23, 1999, five United States Army personnel, assigned to the 204th Military Intelligence Battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas, and two Colombia military officials, were killed in a crash during an airborne reconnaissance mission over the mountainous Putumayo province of Colombia; and

Whereas the United States Army has identified Captain José A. Santiago, Captain Jennifer J. Odem, Chief Warrant Officer, W-2, Thomas G. Moore, Private First Class T. Bruce Cluff, and Private First Class Ray E. Krueger as the United States personnel killed in the crash while performing their duty: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) expresses its profound appreciation for the
3 service of Captain José A. Santiago, Captain Jennifer J. Odem, Chief Warrant Officer, W-2, Thomas
4 G. Moore, Private First Class T. Bruce Cluff, and
5 Private First Class Ray E. Krueger, all of the
6 United States Army, who lost their lives in service
7 of their country during an antidrug mission in Colombia;
8 lombia;

10 (2) expresses its sincere sympathy to the families and loved ones of the United States and Colombian personnel killed during that mission;

1 (3) urges United States and Colombian officials
2 to take all practicable measures to recover the re-
3 mains of the victims and to fully inform the family
4 members of the circumstances of the accident which
5 cost their lives;

6 (4) expresses its gratitude to all members of the
7 United States Armed Forces who fight the scourge
8 of illegal drugs and protect the security and well-
9 being of all people of the United States through
10 their detection and monitoring of illicit production
11 and trafficking of illicit narcotics; and

12 (5) directs that a copy of this resolution be
13 transmitted to the family members of Captain José
14 A. Santiago, Captain Jennifer J. Odem, Chief War-
15 rant Officer, W-2, Thomas G. Moore, Private First
16 Class T. Bruce Cluff, and Private First Class Ray
17 E. Krueger, to the Commander of Fort Bliss, Texas,
18 and to the Secretary of Defense.

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